

FIRST 5 SAN JOAQUIN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE FUNDED SUMMARIES

ORGANIZATION	SUMMARY
El Dorado Elementary Pat Klopstock 209-953-4885	<p>The School Readiness Program at El Dorado focuses on the following overall objectives: children will demonstrate an increased capacity for effective transition from preschool to kindergarten, parent participation will increase, and home visits will increase parents awareness of child development, kindergarten standards and child health. During the four-year span of the School Readiness Initiative, El Dorado will serve a minimum of 600 children ages 0-5 and 280 parents. El Dorado School Readiness partners with many of Stockton's community based organizations, such as Taylor Family Center, Fremont Family Center, Community Partnership for Families, San Joaquin Public Health Services, American Lung Association and Family Resource and Referral Center to ensure that all needed services are offered to program participants.</p>
French Camp Elementary LaDean Talcott 209-858-3000 Ext 122	<p>The French Camp school readiness program, called HEARTS (Helping Everyone Arrive Ready to Succeed) is committed to ensuring that all children receive the physical, emotional, and intellectual support at home, in the school and in the community with an overriding purpose to develop a family centered, site-based educational pre-school program in collaboration with their partners. It is the intent of the program to accomplish the three following goals: promote the literacy of participating families, help parents become their children's "first teachers" to support the educational growth of their children and to create new partnerships in order to extend and enhance existing services. The HEARTS Program will accommodate a minimum of 393 children between the ages of 0-5 over the course of the 4 year period as well as 240 families. Partners include Head Start, Valley Oak Dental Group, French Camp Golf Course, United Way Success by 6, Migrant Education Region 23 and Manteca Unified Health Services.</p>
Holt - New Hope Elementary Janet Rivera (209) 468-9220	<p>The two school districts, Holt and New Hope, are highly isolated 'Delta Island' communities in San Joaquin County supporting significant migrant populations who work the asparagus fields, tomato fields and packing plants. New Hope School District has 64% of the students enrolled being English Language Learners (ELL) and Holt has 84% ELL. Both schools have 96% of the student population enrolled in the free or reduced price meal program. The program will offer services such as after school and evening pre-school programs, in-home tutoring with parents participating with their child to support them to become 'kindergarten-ready', early screening for special needs and disabilities to identify potential challenges prior to school enrollment and transportation for children to increase their ability to participate. Holt-New Hope will ensure that a minimum of 240 children are served and that 168-240 families receive School Readiness services. Holt-New Hope partners with Valley Community Counseling, San Joaquin Delta College, Women's Center, Health Plan of San Joaquin, El Concilio, San Joaquin Health Care Services, and the California Human Development Corporation.</p>
Taylor Skills School Corie Estes (209) 953-4241	<p>The Taylor School Readiness Program targets children ages 0-5, with high-risk older siblings, for assessment and early intervention. Home visiting utilizing the Parents As Teachers Curriculum is offered as well as therapeutic counseling for children and families at the Taylor Family Center. The Taylor Family Center was originally started with Healthy Start funds and has made many inroads into collaborative on-site programs for children and parents. The School Readiness program brings parents, teachers and children together with a program that provides kindergarten teachers making home visitation to children under 5. Taylor Skills School Readiness Program will reach at least 240 children over the four year span and 160-240 families. Partners include 8th Street Tutoring, San Joaquin County Public Health, Women's Center, UCCE Nutrition Program, Family Resource & Referral, St. George's Neighborhood Betterment Committee, San Joaquin County Public Library, Delta Health Care, Valley Community Counseling Services, Stockton Unified School District School For Adults, University of the Pacific, Community Partnership for Families and Fremont Family Center.</p>

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Success By 6 Lizbeth DeAlba-Monte (209) 320-6232	<p>The Success By 6 Collaborative is a joint effort of United Way of San Joaquin County, Success By 6 program and three elementary schools - Nightingale, Van Buren and Monroe. The cornerstone of the collaborative's School Readiness program is the expansion of the nationally acclaimed Parents As Teachers home visitation/parenting education program into the neighborhoods served by the three schools. Three Parent Educators hired by the Concilio and trained by Success By 6 will act as a bridge between families and schools, opening the lines of communication, understanding and trust on both sides. Each school will have its own Parent Educator who will work hand-in-hand with the preschool and kindergarten staffs and participate in in-service trainings, attend staff meetings, and parent meetings. A School Readiness Liaison will also be hired to oversee the program, act as an outreach specialist, collect data, and perform clerical duties required by the program. This School Readiness program will reach nearly 30% of the 1800 children ages 0 to 5 residing in the schools' neighborhoods. Partners include Council for the Spanish Speaking, The Community Partnership for Families, S.T.A.N.D. (Stocktonians Taking Action to Neutralize Drugs), The Whole Life Center, Gemini Inc. and the Black Employees Association of Stockton Unified School District.</p>
Wagner-Holt Laura Lucchesi 209-953-8407	<p>The purpose of the School Readiness Program is to enhance each child's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development in preparation for kindergarten; enable parents to be better caregivers of and teachers to their children; and support parents in meeting their growth goals, including that of economic independence. The four-year program will provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to pregnant women, children, ages 0-5, and their families. The services will include health, nutrition education, mental health services, English language instruction, early childhood education, special education assessment & placement, social services, parent involvement activities, parent education, in-home visits, and childcare. The Wagner-Holt School Readiness program will serve a total of 584 children and 504 families over a four-year period or nearly 41% of the school neighborhood's population of children 0 to 5. Partners include: United Way/Success By 6, Family Resource & Referral, Lodi Unified School District, Public Health Services, American Lung Association, Council for the Spanish Speaking, Stockton Police and Fire Departments and Head Start Child Development.</p>